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Revaluation Means Greater Exactness

The Town's 1990 revaluation figures for property tax are being tallied by the assessors in preparation for the next tax bills. Because of a difficult changeover in systems, the last bills were estimated.

Most people will be seeing a change in their assessment as sales of the two prior years (1988 and 1989) are reflected in the market value of their property. For the most part, these will be increases since the "bull market" in real estate was still holding when the assessment study was done. Remember, everyone's property is affected by the same market influences. Other changes noticed will be due to a more sensitive and detailed procedure.

It would be normal to wonder here: will all this make my tax bill go up? While revaluation may cause a shift in relative property values and the tax burden, it is important to remember revaluation itself will not cause the average property tax bill to increase. Such increases will be because of town budget increases voted at Town Meeting. The tax rate will go down as the assessment numbers rise.

The state mandated that we use professionals to both assess the houses (following a new manual) and to make the land schedule more fair. Our town will now have a "neighborhood factor" showing different values for prime site (building lot) for different sections of town. For a three-acre prime site, Neighborhood A will show a $44,000 assessment, Neighborhood B $38,000 and Neighborhood C $34,000. Adjustments are made for important factors, like dirt road versus tar road. A map in the assessor's office shows the boundaries of the assessment neighborhoods.

Under the new schedule, the value of excess land or undevelopable land increases relatively little.

Because the assessment on a possible building site (even undersized lots mapped before our zoning change) is so much higher, you may want to consider combining these pieces if you have several small lots, or combining a separate but adjoining small lot with your house lot.

The assessors, Jessie Wetherby, Doug Tanner and Susan DunLany, have worked closely with those professionals, and tallied and painstakingly checked and copied the changes onto our duplicate forms. They will soon be ready to present them for state approval and then to the Town at a public hearing. Please hold your questions until this hearing.

by Susan DunLany

Ink drawing, Skunk Cabbage", is by Heather Lenz of Bear Mt. Rd.

TOWN ELECTION

May 6th (1st Monday in May)
polls open 12P - 8P

ANNUAL MEETING

To be announced

See many related stories inside.

OVERRIDE OR CUTS IN SERVICES FACING WENDELL

On Saturday, April 6, a meeting was held by the selectboard and the Finance Committee. Led by Selectboard chair Ted Lewis and Finance chair Dan Keller, the meeting was convened to outline the financial problems facing the town's FY 92 budget, and possible options to deal with these problems. Present at the meeting were members of other town boards and interested citizens, to offer possible solutions and to ask questions.

Faced with shrinking state funding and increasing costs, those present compared two possible budget plans. The first plan is based on requests for money for next year's budget. Requests have increased so much this year that to cover these requests, Wendell is looking at an override of between $300 and $400,000. Overrides of this magnitude would result in 40-50% increases in the property tax levy. The second plan, prepared by the Finance Committee, is based on a balanced/level funding approach Despite the fact that the funding would stay the same as last year's budget, the cost of materials and doing business has increased. Therefore, level funding might actually mean a cut in services. The level funding/balanced budget was described as a "no override" budget because the costs incurred would come in under the 2½% tax cap.

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Best wishes to Ina LaVangie and Donna Huntington, who deserve our special warm regards at this time.

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Letters ...

A Town of Anti-Americans?

This letter was published in the Athol Daily News of February 26, 1991 following publication of two reports in that paper about the Town Hall Forum on the Gulf organized Feb. 20 by Karen Idoine and Anne Perkins. Its author, James P. Kelly, is the superintendent of schools of the Athol-Royalston school district.

Editor, Daily News

I've just read about the meeting in Wendell where a person identifying himself as a Vietnam veteran and others called the U.S. the "villian" and Iraq "an innocent bystander."

Perhaps those attending know what happened to Iraq's rebellious people, the Kurds, when Hussein's troops would not support them?

It is a fact that the Kurd villages had nerve gas dropped on them, killing thousands of men, women and children!

I am sure that in spite of Wendell's anti-American posture and pro-Iraqi support, our troops and planes will not attack this "rebellious" village.

However, I would urge the state police to keep its helicopters flying over the fields to control the continued production of "pot" during the growing season.

To make a real statement of protest, those at the meeting receiving federal assistance, welfare, or other benefits, should refuse it!

James P. Kelley

and more letters

Of Roads & Mud & Money

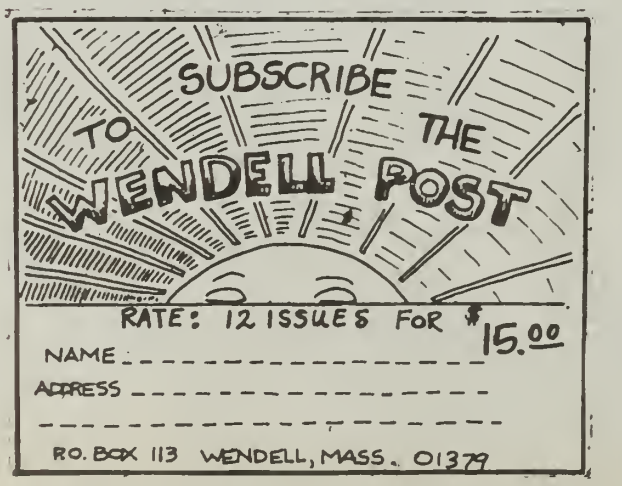
During one of the warmer days of late winter I received a call from a lady who lives on one of the back roads in town complaining about a lumbering operation in her neighborhood that was making deep ruts in the road and making traveling difficult for automobiles. Now they have to use the far end of the road which is some two miles further as they go to and from work. In my younger days in Wendell the weather shaped our way of life, especially the deep snow and the "mud season" when the frost was coming out of the ground. Everybody planned to stay home for a week or so until the roads dried out. In fact even the schools had the spring vacation during this period. The advent of the automobile and citizens obtaining work in neighboring towns ended that way of life as good all-season roads became necessary if Wendell was to enter the modern age.

During the late 1920's the first road hard-surfaced under a law new at that time known simply as "Chapter 90" was the main road running through town from the river bridge at Wendell Depot southerly to the Shutesbury town line at the old Methodist church in Locke's Village. Thus Wendell was introduced to the pothole. Here I might note that this fiscal year Wendell has allotted but $15,000 to purchase material for road repairs, mostly potholes and gravel fill. We have 47.5 miles of roads in Wendell and a few seconds with a pencil will tell you it isn't very much per mile. This also is a good place to mention that at this writing both the loader and grader are down for repairs, the loader to the tune of some $5,000, the grader I haven't heard yet, and the machinery maintenance account is near 0.

Because this has been a warmer than usual winter, there is money in the winter maintenance account that we can transfer for these repairs. Let's hope that we don't have a late blizzard!

Those of you who go to the town meetings know that the highway budget is the second most expensive item on the warrant after the school budget. The schools do well in Wendell and seem to live as does the finest white elephant in the Rajah's palace while the highway department exists as an orphaned Annie in a corner of the stables living on crumbs from the master's table. When you go to the town meeting and see an increase in the highway funds or a request for new equipment, remember there are good men working in this department, experienced help who represent you well as we spend the taxpayer's dollar. Without an adequate highway system, we may have to return to the good old days and stay home during the winter storms and the mud season. Else we shall all have to purchase four wheel drive vehicles to keep from being isolated.

Raymond E. Avery
Member
Road Commission



Flyovers Damage Trust

To the Wendell Post:

If I grew a tall lacy plant called marijuana solely for its composting qualities, would the law come in its helicopters to gather evidence on my compost system? If I were a healer, would the authorities rip up my plants of healing? If a religous man, my people's sacrament?

In this climate, despite lean budgetary resources and the usual Constitutional restraints, the answer is sadly yes. Even if it meant banning a religious practice, or outlawing compost. In this case, the presumption of guilt is official policy.

(Incidentally, the selectboard is steadfastly insisting local police and state officials protect citizens' rights here, building on work done by Citizens Against Wrongful Searches. This isn't just good luck; we've earned it.)

I can only speak for myself, but my relationship with the Earth and its plants is sacred. Is it hard to understand that in the cities like Boston and Washington? The living Earth is my model for my relationship with my self, with life. I've rarely smoked marijuana and never bought or sold it, or grown any either. I have no hidden agenda-not that marijuana users necessarily do. But when government forbids me to grow a plant for my own use, I feel it killing trust in myself and all that I am part of. The spiritual effect is multiplied if the police come rumbling in from the heavens in air raids of enforcement. Unfortunately, our society is getting used to this, so it's perhaps hard to see. But it's America's own home-grown Fascism.

We who experienced one such invasion without probable cause--CAWS-- stood up and insisted on (and obtained) guarantees of respect toward all who are designated innocent under the law. The guarantees didn't work; it seems you've got to negotiate a separate agreement with every agency with access to a helicopter. But fear didn't get our soul. We spoke the "sacred No," and we staked out a territory that we continue to defend.

Marijuana may seem trivial as an issue, but the uneven enforcement around this drug is an example of the law sowing fear among some of its most "dangerous" (independent) citizens. Our society is clearly becoming more threat and fear-based, with wars on crime, drugs, and undeclared wars against liberal thinking, "Vietnam-style anti-patriotism," etc. If I give in to the temptation to let this matter slide, the fear syndrome can be perpetuated on unfolding generations. History shows the condition feeds on itself, eventually gathering into a sickness we saw enough of in Europe, the Soviet Union and China.

It has already led to horrors like the Anti-Crime Bill presently before Congress, which actually suspends the Constitution for rather absolute Presidential power during a Presidentially-declared state of emergency (the Emergency Powers Act, HR 4079). Is this America, free people willing as ever to take the risk of trusting each other? Our common vision seems to be shriveling.

The way out of this tailspin is to recover a sense of our own power and goodness, and open up to the goodness and strength in others. It involves tenderness and vulnerability, and perhaps forgotten depths of community.

But it also involves toughness and trips out of Town--tough police oversight by civilians and sweaty work in legislative and judicial corridors. It's not a time for excessive reliance on the authorities' good will and judgement.

We need to wipe the slate clean of laws covering victimless "crimes." Next job is to repeal laws that gave away rightful local responsibility to state and nation. They are the laws that mirror our distrust in ourselves, which the law is now mirroring back to us.

Jonathan von Ranson

WANTS A PLACE

Dear Council Member:

I read with interest the article about your town in the Spokesman-Review and Spokane Chronicle of Washington.

Please bear with me because I've never written a letter like this.

For the last 20 years I was the Caretaker for a woman who was over-weight, had Diabetes, High-blood pressure and dizzy spells. I received no salary only my room and board and the friendship of a wonderful woman. My tasks were yard work winter and summer, the shopping, cooking, cleaning, and general house keeping.

Now my problem is the lady passed away Dec. 3, 1990 and her son in California is in charge of selling the house and the proceeds are to clear up her final bills and set up a trust fund for her grandson. I am 56 yrs old and no prospects.

I have my dog, a pickup, a camper, and a homemade trailer with a canopy to carry my stuff. My stuff wil be my kitchen-ware, bedding, clothes, lawn mower, weed-eater, rake, axes, and hatchets and automotive tools.

I am looking for a place to live with a wood stove around and I am willing to trade work for the rent.

All the Lady's friends will vouch for my character.

I will be a help to the community.

How are the winters up there?

I think I'll have to be out of here around May.

Please , Please let me know of the opportunity to enter your community.

My needs are small.

Please answer as soon as possible,
Ronnie Browne
P.O. Box 112
Pinehurst, Idaho
83850-0112

LETTER TO FOOD BUYING CLUB MEMBERS & OTHERS

Dear Friends,

This is a brief note concerning the "winter storage vegetables" survey gathered last fall. As most members know, the survey asked families and individuals about the kind and quantity of winter storage vegetables they might use through the course of the winter. The idea behind the survey was initially born through discussions on "community agriculture" in the agricultural group (from Wendell Community Works Meeting). These discussions brought out lively interests and practical ideas toward nurturing our agrarian base and a home grown economy.

What could be a small step this year? What came to mind for me was our food buying club, a growing constellation of individuals and ~~family~~ that now number almost 30. It is very difficult to get vegetables, let alone fruit, through the food buying club. In the warm season this is not a problem for many of us who have flourishing gardens or easy access to the Co-op. However, come late fall it's time to start looking for a supply of potatoes and onions for the winter. Hence the survey with the questions "who wants what" and "who wants to grow extra."

The survey was well received all around. The potential growers include Linda Hickman and Joe Coll, John Ingress who were part of the Wendell Community Works - Agricultural Group; and members of the food buying club, Eileen Savageau, Brian Banyan, Susan Dunlany, Marcia Fortune, Angel Russek and Marly Marchello who expressed interest in growing extra of particular vegetables. Also, Mark Small Ridge and Mez Davis had particular specialty items.

The organization has not proceeded beyong this point. Eileen Savageau has collated the survey and has a few more details. She and Linda Hickman will be collaborating this year and offering losts of summer vegetables on their roadside stands. Presently, any arrangements for winter storage crops would need to be worked out on an individual basis.

I hope this brief summary will answer any wonderings and perhaps be helpful. These initial workings offer limited possibilities for the coming season and require your individual arrangements. I look forward to the continuing evolution of the farm-food resources here in Wendell, as our connections with each other and the Earth become clear and strong.

Carlen Adams Rigrod

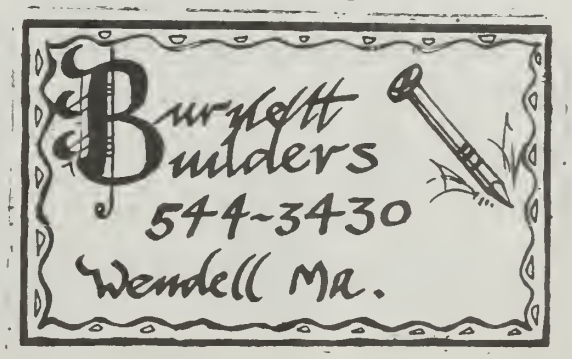
PREEMPIVE FRIENDS

Hatred between Iraqis and Americans was never a foregone historical conclusion. We learn to hate people we do not know, people who are alien or threatening to us. Only by the collective ignorance of the masses are our "leaders" able to manipulate us into fervent participation in their ego-nationalist showdown(s).

We don't have to wait for geo-political crisis to work for harmony in the world community. We can harness the great common ground of sports, music and performing art to initiate contact and dialogue with our world neighbors. Footbag, for instance, cuts through cultural barriers and reduces us to equal players and participants, demystified by sweat and laughter.

Two years ago six local activists and footbag athletes trekked through Central America promoting 'el futbolito' as a symbol of peace and cultural solidarity between north and south. The footbag project grew out of the fantastic notion that common citizens could take better initiative in striking up friendship directly with the people of so-called "alien" cultures. Footbag, the quintessential cooperative dance, offered us a wonderful medium to go public south of the border, to make friends and to challenge cultural stereotypes.

We in Wendell have a special calling in the arts and in creative expression. Lets use this gift to reach out to the world in a teaching, peacemaking capacity. I envision an ongoing friendship/performing troupe focused on disseminating a people's message in Central America and beyond. But, why go traipsing off to unify the world when there's so much peace work to be done here at home, in the cities, amongst the youth, etc... The answer lies in our need for expressive symbols and examples to guide us in the planetary struggle toward healing.



Though performing and teaching footbag to Guatemalan villagers didn't have an impact on death squad violence there, it did create a momentary, enlightening shift of consciousness around the pained state of gringo/latino relations.

We don't have to wait for our government to initiate peace talks with our world neighbors. By pre-emptively befriending our "enemies" we challenge the Pentagon's capacity to orchestrate aggression in the future. A monumental task, you say, perhaps futile... But, consider the alternatives! Lets not underestimate the power of citizens' initiative and of the creative arts in forging healing connections with foreign cultures.

Daniel Botkin

ROAD VIGILANTES

My dear friends I am hear to warn you of this growing phenomenon occurring on the byways of our town and the surrounding townships. I have noticed it affecting myself and I hope that by the time this article gets printed that it won't be too late.

I ask you. When was the last time that you got in your car and were racing against a time constraint. Time constraint is another interesting phenomenon that we can discuss at a later date. Anyways.... Low and behold you come up behind a Road Vigilante. Road Vigilante is a new term listed in the annals of Such and Such Books Inc. 1. It means someone who refuses to let you by and plans on teaching you a lesson in the process.

Or worse yet my friends, when was the last time you felt this strange desire to become a Road Vigilante yourself??? I had it happen to me a few days back.

I was driving down towards Leverett going at a snappy pace and up behind comes a smart looking Cherokee. Well, I knew my 77' Toyota had it in her and I felt bound and determine to keep my rightful place in front. That Cherokee was flashing lights and pulling up to my bumper. They probably were late to work or some appointment.

It felt like the steering wheel had a mind of its own, but I tell you it was a sudden case of Road Vigilante fever. It took a lot of will power to pull to the side and let that mobile missile go.

I don't know why its happening to me. Maybe there's some homeopathic cure out there.

I sure hope that this disease or what ever kind of do higgy it is don't get you. These roads have enough safety factors already, just waiting to reach out and pull us from the comfort of our purring autos.

Besides, its bad enough when you are trying to get past a Road Vigilante, but it is even worse yet to have another victim of the Road Vigilante's wrath come up behind me. I can feel their irritation steaming down my tailpipe. They immediately get in a defensive posture with me, thinking they'll have to battle with me to get by.

I've found one type of cure. I pull over, which rarely wastes as much time as I think and say go on friend have a safe trip.

Alexandria McRae

BARN & WOODLOT OFFERED TO COMMUNITY

Wendell Community Works, until recently just ideas, suddenly has a solid opportunity to build around--two of them, in fact. Steve Gross and Diane Kurinsky have offered their dairy barn located next to the Town garage for the use of WCW. And the Select-board has invited a proposal by the organization to cut firewood and timber from a Town-owned lot on Montague Road.

The barn, which needs considerable work including straightening, bracing, and a new roof, is large enough to accommodate plenty of activity, whether in the realm of animals (milk, wool?), vegetables (farmers' market, herbs, firewood sales?) or minerals (tool lending, candle making, bike and small machine repair?). There are also possibilities connected with use of the land around the barn.

The firewood enterprise would involve a 45-acre lot west of West Road.

A meeting on both offers is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

As the idea has developed, Wendell Community Works would be an ongoing organization which could in some sense "take in" community resources and direct them to basic sorts of enterprises that would benefit the community of Wendell and the surrounding towns. For both the Wendell Planning Board and the recent master plan done by Conway Design Associates called "Community Vision of the Future," a local economy that doesn't bleed the Town but sustains it naturally and socially has been a persistent, powerful vision.

That goal is Wendell Community Works, but WCW has had several months of rough sledding. Residents have met since last September in groups around "agriculture," "business," and "arts & services." There was little progress and, in fact, some discouragement as no unifying vision emerged within or between the groups. Maybe the physical fact of the barn in the pasture near the center of Town and the firewood for winter warmth will release united action and help turn vapor into substance.

STUDENT WOULD APPRENTICE

Dear folks of Wendell,

Hi! My name is Gabe, and I am a student with the Audubon Expedition Institute (AEI). I am in my second year of the Environmental Education program at Lesley College, in Massachusetts.

For my third year at Lesley College, I will be doing what is called the Quest Program. I learned from Angel Russeck, who is a Wendell resident and also on staff with Lesley College and the Audubon Expedition, that some of the residents of Wendell are working towards community building and a more sustainable economy by taking into consideration the needs of the people who live there.

I would like to do my Quest program in Wendell, to learn about the ":Community Works" project and other aspects of small town development. One idea I have is to develop a presentation encapsulating the "Who, What , How and Why" of the Community Works vision, and how the whole idea is being carried out. This would mean talking , living and experiencing with different residents how they are involved in small town living. It would be exciting to meet with people involved in developing subscription farming, appropriate land management and design, small homegrown businesses, homesteading,

If you or anyone you know would be interested in sharing experiences and/or ideas regarding this project, I would love to hear from you. I'm not sure of the specific dates yet, but I am hoping to be in Wendell from Sept. until Dec. of 1991. I am also looking for places to live during my stay, and I am willing to care for children, cook, housesit, and work in exchange for the hospitality. Please send ideas or questions to: Gabe Slavin, 30886 Pearridge Rd., Farmington, MI 48334. I'd love to hear from you.

As I move into my final months with the Audubon Expedition, I feel very fortunate to have had such full and rich learning experiences for the past two years. I am excited about continuing this type of education for myself in Wendell next fall, and I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Gabe Slavin

SLUDGE EXPERIMENT

On Dec. 10, 1990 members of the Wendell Board of Health met with representatives of the Mass. Water Resources Authority, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Environmental Management, to discuss a research project in the Wendell State Forest involving the application of pelletized sewage sludge to forest land. The objective of this study is to determine how different rates of application affect (1) the movement of sludge constituents into soil, water and vegetation and (2) the growth rate of trees and other vegetation.

A total of 14,000 pounds of pelletized sludge will be applied on 4 acres. This material meets the chemical limits set by DEP for application to food crops and will be applied over a 5 day period. Monitoring will continue for 5 years. Three test wells will be installed to monitor for concentration of nitrates, heavy metals and other sludge constituents. As little is known about the response of forest soils to pelletized sludge it is important that management criteria be established that will determine that nutrients delivered to pine forests on dry, rocky, nutrient-poor soils such as this will not exceed the assimilation capacity of the ecosystem.

The project will be administered by the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management of the University of Mass., Prof. Matthew J. Kelly project director.

David Walsh

Need a hospital?
You don't have to go to Northampton or Greenfield. If you dismiss the Athol Memorial Hospital out of hand, you're missing out on a chance to utilize and support a vital community institution, where quality health care is provided by dedicated employees. And consider this: for most residents of Wendell, Athol Memorial is the nearest hospital.

Need a doctor?
You don't have to go to Amherst, Northampton or Greenfield. Find out about MDs practicing in Athol and Orange, including specialists in many fields who conduct regular clinics in the AMH Medical Arts Building. Call Allen Young, director of public relations, 249-3511, Ext. 143.

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GULF WAR CELEBRATION

On Sunday, March 3, there was a victory celebration and show of support for the US troops in the Persian Gulf. Approximately 40 residents of Wendell and neighboring towns attended the rally on the town common. Many of these people held small U.S. flags. Several people carried petitions in support of the U.S. troops.

Anna Hartjens emceed the event, boosted by a pulic address system. Several veterans spoke including Joe Diemand and George Willard of New Salem. Patriotic music filled the gaps between speakers.

After the rally ended a procession of 15 U.S. flag bearing vehicles formed. They drove around town playing patriotic songs on their public address system.

Linda Hickman

RUMOR MILL WORKS OVERTIME

Residents who take their politics seriously were buzzing in the weeks following the end of the Persian Gulf war. Emotions were high enough over several local events withour rumor adding fuel to the fires.

It was rumored that Anni Hartjens had received harrassing phone calls after she helped her daughter, Kristina, arrange a rally in support of the troops of Desert Storm (see story). She said she and others connected with the rally and a caravan around Town afterwards "were accused of having misguided patriotism, and told we made too much noise," but added, "No, I have not had any harrassing phone calls."

Anni said she asked the selectboard for permission for the rally. "I didn't ask permission for cars to run through Town," she admitted, "and I didn't know a sound system was coming up. That was a spur of the moment thing, a guy offered to come up with a (sound) truck."

Some people refused to believe Kristina, age 15, was the chief organizer, but she was, according to Anni, who is Town Clerk and postmaster of the Depot post office. "It started in school when they had the walkout (in protest of the war). She wouldn't walk out."

Though some people thought she had called postal officials in Springfield about the Earth flag at the Center post office (see story) she said "I didn't. Somebody asked me about the flag. I said I didn't know anything about it. I called Charlie, he explained, and it was all fine and well with me."

There was advance criticism of the Town Hall Forum on the Gulf (see story), by those who claimed that pro-war comments wouldn't be forwarded in the transcript to Washington. Precautions were taken by the organizers, however, to be certain the comments of everybody who spoke were included. The complete transcript has been posted.

Jonathan von Ranson

U.S. AND EARTH FLAGS RAISE LARGER ISSUES

For a while an Earth flag flew along with the American flag over the Wendell Center Post Office. From Earth Day, April 20, 1990 until March 7, 1991, the two powerful symbols waved in the air, the fluid of the planet that least recognizes political boundaries or partisanship, that gives nations' flags their graceful flutter, but that contains growing traces of human misjudgement, too.

The presence of the Earth flag prompted strong reactions. One resident felt thrilled that the Earth was finally being symbolically represented in this place of special honor--the flagpole. Another couldn't help noticing the Earth's position beneeath the nation on the pole, and commented a bit idealistically that the positions ought to be reversed in terms of fundamental priorities. Others were disturbed by the politicizing of the Earth, which as a symbol to them is so far beyond politics as to be demeaned by association with political allegiance.

The complaint of yet another resident brought the flag down, at least temporarily. This resident, Jim Hebert, told the Post he felt "if somebody cares to fly the Earth flag at their own home, they probably should do it. They don't have to pick the flagpole the American flag is flying on. It doesn't need to be on a federal building." He said his views about showing respect to the U.S. flag come from a deep appreciation that amounts to a passion for the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, based on his study of the Constitution and an ongoing sense of history and current events. He spoke to Postmaster O'Dowd, then registered his complaint with the regional center in Springfield.

An official in Springfield discussed the complaint with Mr. O'Dowd, whereupon the postmaster volunteered to take the flag down. "There was the feeling that flying the Earth flag on the same pole as the Amereican flag is a political statement," he said, adding, "We try first and foremost to provide excellent service, and second to be sensitive to the community."

He saw several options now, among them a request by the Selectboard to fly the flag, if he saw fit, either as before on the same pole or a new one at the Post Office.

Another idea would be to raise it over the Town common instead of the post office. Mr. O'Dowd offered a few facts not widely known:

- The Earth flag he's using focusses on the Gulf region, "lending more of a focus on some of today's issues." The war in the Gulf, he added, created "one of the biggest man-made sources of pollution."
- The Stars and Stripes that flies over the Post Office is one Charlie O'Dowd takes special pride in: "It was flown over the U.S. Capitol for me by Silvio Conte. We were friends for 20 years." Conte is the late U.S. Representative.
- Back to the Earth flag, that exact view is being used by the postal service for the cover of its Zip Code directory and on posters.
- There's currently a recycling and fuel conservation program being conducted by the postal service as an economizing move. The in-house name for the program is "Plan It for the Planet."

By their respective actions, the Postmaster and Mr. Hebert may have done a service already: raising certain issues that need our attention. Do we tend to forget the non-human costs of war, in particular the ecological ulcer the Persian Gulf war created? (On the other hand, do we fail to fully appreciate the U.S. political system's strong points?) Do we applaud beautiful pictures of our planet from space but resent it when they challenge our compartmental political thinking? (On the other hand, do we really want to run Earth and nation up the same flagpole, literally and figuatively?)

What IS the relation between nation and planet? Do they ask different kinds of allegiance?

And finally, are we as a Town going to polarize in the aftermath of the war, square off over the flag issue, or are we going fo find opportunities in this turn of events for communication and understanding... things that were needed even before the flag (issue) was raised?

Jonathan von Ranson

TOWN HALL FORUM ON WAR

Approximately 35 people gathered at the Town Hall on the night of February 20th to speak in an open forum on the war in the Persian Gulf region. They came in response to a letter addressed to the people of Wendell which invited all citizens to the forum where they could "come together in an open atmosphere of mutual respect" to "express their thoughts and feelings, or listen and ask questions" about the war.

The letter, which was posted and distributed around town, was signed by Anne Perkins and Karen Idoine. Other volunteers included a poster crew, typists, a child care team, parking supervisors, refreshment, setup and cleanup crews and timekeepers. The senior citizens graciously allowed the Senior Center to be used for child care.

Kathy Becker moderated the forum. The forum was conducted from 7 to 9 PM and citizens spoke for about three minutes each.

Ms. Becker opened the forum by describing the ancient tradition of town meetings. The forum was not an official Wendell town meeting, but was moderated so that each person had their fair share of time to speak and to be heard. Ms. Becker noted that town meetings such as this have long provided a way for "a community to discuss their life and death issues... in a way that was safe."

The transcript of all that was said at the forum was mailed to President Bush and Senators Kennedy and Kerry on March 13th. A copy will also be mailed to the new first district representative in Congress after that person takes office.

Copies of the forum transcript are available at the Wendell Free Library and are posted at the Wendell Depot store, the Meeting House, town offices, Town Hall and the Village Coop in Leverett. A transcript was posted at the Wendell Country Store, but it is currently missing.

Karen Idoine

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SELECTBOARD URGES RETURN OF EARTH FLAG

Mr. Charles O'Dowd
Postmaster:

We write to ask you to return the "Earth Day" flag to the pole where it was flying until earlier this month. We regret very much the controversy about the flag which had been flying in town since the 20th anniversary of Earth Day celebrated in April of 1990. The image of the planet that appears on the flag also appeared on a U.S. stamp issued to commemorate Earth Day, on this year's Zip Code directory and other U.S. Post Office materials. It is entirely appropriate that the flag should fly at our Post Office if you wish it to.

The Earth Day flag belongs to all the people of Wendell as does the American flag with which it was flown. We do not feel that flying the Earth Day flag correctly shows any disrespect for the American flag; nor do we understand the Earth Day flag to be a "political statement" in the sense that one member of the town understood it to be. The Earth Day flag represents respect for the planet which sustains us all. It also suggests that we live as one people on this globe, something we earnestly hope is true for the community of Wendell as well.

The Selectboard appreciates all your efforts on behalf of our community. Please return the flag to the post office whenever you feel it is appropriate to do so.

Theodore Lewis
Margot Culley
Anne Zak
Selectboard

ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION

In responce to the growing involvement of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf War, local demonstrators rallied on the town common to voice their opposition to warfare.

The group at it's height numbered fourteen people and one dog.

The demonstrators milled about at first. A few held placards and displayed them to passing motorists. Before long a few people began to voice their concerns about the inevitable turn of events in the widening war.

Voiced concerns were; censorship of the world media, increasing our understanding of Islam to carry us into the next century, that peace activists should have rallied and organized earlier on during Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, that President Bush's New World Order should be non-violent.

Some ideas proposed at the demonstration were; to keep track of and support people from Wendell who were deployed to the Gulf, to provide draft counseling to local men and women between the ages of 18 and 26.

The rally ended when people closed into a circle to sing songs of moral encouragement and soul enlightment.

J. Coll

508 249-4617 FREE ESTIMATES
Masonry by Scott Chase
STONE, BLOCK AND BRICK WORK

FLYOVERS MAY HAVE VIOLATED AGREEMENTS

There were "numerous" flyovers for marijuana during 1990 in Franklin and Hampshire Counties, according to a letter from Edward D. Harrington of the Northampton State Police barracks, yet the Franklin-Hampshire District Attorney's Office wasn't asked for approval, and at least one Wendell search was believed to be under 500 ft. If true, the aerial surveillance policy that the State Police Commissioner signed in 1988 after lengthy negotiations with Citizens Against Wrongful Searches (CAWS) may have been violated.

In the letter to the Wendell Selectboard, Harrington said "some of (the flyovers) involved a State Police helicopter while others were done in conjunction with the Massachusetts National Guard." In both cases, he said, they were "coordinated by the office of then-Governor Michael Dukakis."

Unless approval was granted by the state Attorney General and probable cause--evidence sufficient for a search warrant--existed, the flyover of Wendell on September 17, 1990 seems to have been in violation. (Unless aircraft and pilots of the National Guard are to be considered exempt from the state policy.) Selectboard member Anne Zak said District Attorney Judd Carhart told her, no authorization had been given by his office for any flights whatsoever. She said he told her he approves of the agreement worked out with CAWS, the citizens group centered in Wendell that came into being after a 1985 flyover.

The selectboard subsequently wrote the D.A. asking him to "enforce the laws of the Commonwealth" by insisting that police live up to the CAWS agreement.

The policy, signed by William McCabe, Commissioner of Public Safety, requires "probable cause with respect to a particular individual or particular property" if a flight is to be conducted at less than 500 ft. It also states: "such flights will be undertaken only with the prior approval of the appropriate District Attorney's Office or the Attorney General's Office."

The Attorney General's office has been contacted and is checking the circumstances of the flights in response to a complaint filed by CAWS.

Under a local agreement won by CAWS, a 1986 Town meeting resolution, the selectboard was to instruct the chief of police to cease participation in flyovers. Despite that policy, Jay Blackbird, a member of the Wendell police force, participated in the September 17 flyover. Last October, CAWS filed a complaint with the selectboard.

Jonathan von Ranson

AQUIFER STUDY COMPLETED

When the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board jointly surveyed the Town in April of 1986 to find what issues concerned Wendell voters most, in order to draw up an Open Space Plan, we were told that water quality ranked very high. Through the office of the Franklin County Conservation District we were able to secure grant monies to fund a study of Wendell's aquifers. The study was done by Tim Limbers, a graduate student at U. Mass.-Amherst, under Prof. Ward S. Motts.

Limbers presented an oral report on his findings to the Conservation Commission on Tuesday, March 19th, and a final written report is expected in September. The Commission is quite pleased with his work and with the results. He found several potential, high-volume water sources, some located in each of the three watersheds of the town, and outlined strategies to preserve these valuable resources. His final report and the maps will provide the basis for further study, in consultation with the Soil Conservation Service, to define the supply areas which contribute most directly to each aquifer. Limbers has delineated this already for the largest and most promising aquifer.

Along with this mapping, further discussion of strategies, how to adapt them to each situation, and how to insure the water supply and water quality in years to come, will be necessary. The Commission encourages active participation, particularly by those with special expertise in these areas, or with special concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Thompson Smith

SCOUTING ROUND-UP

Recently Wendell/New Salem Troop 344 participated in the Metacomet District Klondike Derby. Boy Scouts attending were Cain Blackbird, Chad Blackbird, Joshua Chase, Matt Chase, Joel DuCharme, Matt Eastman, Neal Lawrence and Andy Spring. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Jay Blackbird and Assistant Scoutmasters Ed Chase, Astro Minty Roger Spring and Jeff Willard. Troop 344's Bear Patrol competed with 42 other patrols which tested the scout's skills in first aid. knots and lashings, compass courses, bridge building, and plant and animal identification. Troop 344 placed 3rd in knots and lashings, 2nd in first aid, 1st in bridge building and 1st place winner over all.

Florrie Blackbird
BSA Unit Commissioner

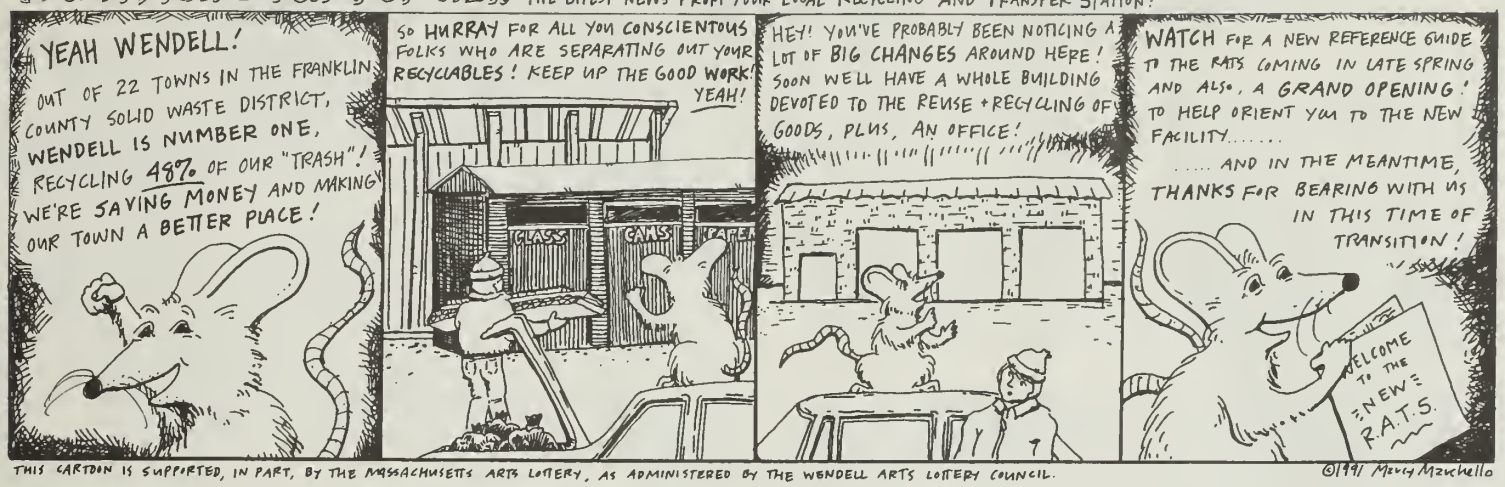
WENDELL CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Carole Ann Camp has served as the Pastor of the Wendell Church for almost two years. She is leaving that post on Sunday, April 6, 1991. While she has been worshipping with us in Wendell and serving our community, she has brought her love and her concerns which have been very special gifts. She will be sorely missed, but we will look back upon her time with us with fond memories and gratitude.

Services will continue each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with a celebration of Communion the first Sunday of each month. Newcomers are always welcome.

Meanwhile the congregation will begin to search for a new minister and to seek new ways to witness to our Christian faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Thompson Smith



DEMOLITION LANDFILL SURVEY RESULTS

Most Wendell residents favor investing whatever proceeds the Town gets from the Diemand-Bennett demolition landfill, according to returns from a survey done last November by the Town. The second most popular idea is to retire a current debt. Next seems to be to spend on a capital project, and last to apply the money directly to the annual budget.

The survey preceded current concern over the loss of state aid under Governor Weld's fiscal measures. In all, 80 forms were returned representing the views of 142 people.

HOW TO UTILIZE MONEY FROM DEMOLITION LANDFILL:

	A	B	C	D
Invest the Money	67	30	29	3
Apply Direct to Ann. Bud.	23	11	19	71
Retire a Current Debt	32	37	49	12
Spend on a Capital Proj.	21	34	12	55

SHOULD WENDELL MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO TOWN OF MONTAGUE?

YES--29 NO--55

If "yes," how much?

$5 per load
1%
3%
5% (4 respones)
10%
25%
$5,000
$10,000 (4 responses)
$40,000
$50,000
Token amount
Not monetary
Cost of repairs to No. Prospect Street

~ SOME ~

Here are the comments that were written onto the forms as requested, in answer to each of the two questions:

HOW TO UTILIZE THE MONEY

*In the current economic climate, reducing the debt is the wisest policy. We have spent too much money on projects that were luxeries, not necessities.

*We must do everything we can to reduce the tax load on residents. It is reaching the point of impossibility and entirely out of line with most neighboring communities.

*I think it's a disgrace that no one can drink the water at our Town Hall. The money should be used to clean up that situation. Also, having public gatherings where there is no drinking water.

*Not knowing amount of loans would it be possible to the first year pay a loan and invest the next two years--or alternately depending on loans invest and pay off loan--if loans too large to pay off in one year, would prefer investing.

*Invest the money and use part of the interest to retire debt. This way the fund would continue to grow and to help the town. Combination of I (Invest the money) and III (Retire a current debt).

*Combination of III (retire a current debt) and IV (spend on a capital project).

*If we spend on a capital project. I would rather spend on a project where all townspeople could benefit, not a community farm or housing which would benefit a select few. Buy land to keep open space OK--build housing--no way.

*If spend on a capital project, would prefer expansion of the library or relocation to the pre-school or at least necessary repairs (eg. basement floods) to the building.

*I would like to see half of the total revenue used for a capital project for the town common--(options include clearing up old highway garage, expanding/creating a play area for children, painting the meeting house, or expanding parking options. The other half of the revenue should be applied to current debt.

*Spend some of the money on a capital project while investing the remainder of money in a trust fund to provide income to pay for cost of future maintenance or other expenses of this project.

*I'd like to see $$ spent on roads and perhaps some $$ invested.

*Apply the money against several current debts reducing the principal owed to the point that payments would then cover more principal than interest. This would reduce the interest expense across the current debt so less tax dollars would be wasted on interest payments. Invest balance to offset future interest expense against interest income.

*Save the money to pay for capping the landfill.

*Thanks to the Trustee Committee members for your time.

WRITTEN COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO "Should Wendell make a contribution to the Town of Montague?"

*If the dump should be the ones to make any contribuions.

*If the dump was a Town operation, then, possible I'd say yes; trucks go through several other towns besides Montague!

*A token amount to show good will, perhaps toward some project Montague is planning for its benefit which will have lasting good use.

*But not in a monetary way

*The road taxes paid by the trucking firms are used for this.

*Should be debated at a meeting.

*Don't know--is this done by other towns with similar situations?

*Montague was not for this project when it started.

*If road repairs are warranted should D&B Enterprises (volunteer) to contribute to Montague road repairs?

*What is the expected cost for road maintenence?

*If "should" is the correct attitude D&B should contribute to Montague.

*The cost of repairs to N. Prospect Street (although really I believe D&B should pay this, if they won't Wendell should).

*Why was the route set so just Montague is more heavily impacted than Wendell in the 1st place? Since our town stands to gain the most we should take the brunt of the impact--ie. increase mileage in Wendell route and have the loaded trucks use them.

*I do not know what amount would be proper, but I do feel strongly some amount of compensation is necessary.

*Only to be spent on repairing that road.

*That should have been an issue when fees were being decided and the station was being planned.

*Not unless out-of-town truckers pay for our roads.

*Why should we?

*If anything, the company doing the hauling should be responsible toward the roads they travel on.

*Full damages.

*D&B should make a contribution to the town of Montague. Montague should be compensated for the abuse of its roads, etc., but this shouldn't come out of Wendell's revenue.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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'DRAFT 3-26-91

Article 1: To hear the report of Town Officials, or take any action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1991 in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Ch. 44;4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL, Ch. 44;17, or take any action thereon.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal 1992, as permitted by MGL Ch. 44;53F, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary, compensation and expenses of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991, as provided in MGL Ch. 41, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $XXXXXXX from taxation or such other sum of money deemed necessary to defray such salaries and expenses for that period, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $134,644.48 ($69,286 prinicpal and $65,358.48 interest) to pay the FY91 debt service on the Swift River School Construction note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $23,781.25 ($13,000 principal and $10,781.25 interest) to pay the FY91 debt service on the Fire Station/Highway Garage note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $12,334.40 ($10,400 principal and $1,934.40) to pay the FY91 debt service on the Fire Cab and Chasis note, or take any action thereon.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $21,386 to pay the Town's share of the interest on the Farley Bridge Construction note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $15,000 to upgrade Jennison Road, or take any action thereon.

ARTCLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $XXXXX for repairs to the discontinued portion of Morse Village Road, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $XXXXX for repairs to Bullard Pasture Road, or take any action thereon.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $33,297 for its share of the capital costs associated with repairing the roof on the old portion of the building and installing a ventilation system for the office area at the Swift River Elementary School and, further, to determine whether these appropriations shall be raised by taxation, borrowing or otherwise, or take any action thereon.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $26,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 1 ton dump truck for the Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $5,000 to the reserve fund, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Demolition Debris Dump Trust Fund Committee, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $50,000 for Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Franklin County Technical School District to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for fiscal 1992, or take any action thereon.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Mahar Regional School District to apply for and accept and to be allowed to expend without further appro any funding which may be available to the School by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Secti the Acts of 1985 which established the Equal Educ Opportunity Grants for the purpose of increasing services to pupils in cities, towns and regional districts, or take any action thereon.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to autho School Union # 28, on behalf of the Swift River S apply for and accept and to be allowed to expend further appropriation any funding which may be av to the School Union by accepting the provisions o 188, Section 12 of the Acts of 1985 which establis Equal Education Opportunity Grants for the purpose increasing direct services to pupils in cities, t and regional school districts, or take any action

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw restricting logging and comme cordwood operations on Sunday:

Section 1: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapte Sections 1-5, logging and commercial cordwood ope shall be prohibited on Sundays in the Town of Wen

Section 2: This Bylaw shall not apply to cordwood gathering for personal use.

Section 3: Violators of this ByLaw shall be for a penalty of up to $100 per day per violation.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to acce provisions of MGL c. 40, section 21 D and allow v the following town bylaw to be enforced in the ma therein. For the purpose of this section, the sp which is to apply for violation of each such secti as listed below and the municipal officers or emp titles are listed under each section shall be deem enforcing officers for such section. Each day on violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate

ARTICLE 21, Section 1 -- Dog Law Enforcement
Penalty -- $25.00
Enforcing Persons -- Police Offic
-- Dog Officer

ARTICLE 21, Section 2 -- Violations of Loggi
Cordwood
on Sunday

Penalty -- $100.00
Enforcing Persons -- Police Offic

or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to hear Selectmen's report on municipal energy consumptio take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Franklin County Solid Waste Management District A by amending Article VI (Procedure for Setting Ann by inserting language which would enable the dist assess member towns for administrative costs that not covered by user fees, on a 50% population/50% valuation formula, until such time as user fees sh sufficient to offset the District's administrative operating costs for a complete fiscal year, or tak any action thereon.

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office an for public inspection upon request.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II (District Committee) of the Franklin Co Solid Waste Management Agreement by changing the population determination used as a basis for alloc member towns' representation from the town census the federal census, or take any action thereon.

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office an for public inspection upon request.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II (District Committee) of the Franklin Co Solid Waste Management District Agreement by creat the position of Alternate, granting voting powers to Alternates on the Subcommitteess of the Distric Committee, and, in addition, granting voting power to Alternates on the District Committee in the abs of the Representative, or take any action thereon.

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EC FISCAL 1992 BUDGET WORKSHEET - GENERAL FUND

	FY 1990 BUDGET		FY 1991 BUDGET		FY 1992 REQUESTS		FY 1992 CUT EXAMPLE		DIFF BTWN FY91 & FY92	
OPERATING BUDGET:			914,530	81%	1,128,935	79%	913,922	82%	214,405	70%
DEBT AND INTEREST:			183,853	16%	192,148	13%	192,148	17%	8,295	3%
NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS:			0	0%	59,300	4%	0	0%	59,300	19%
RAINY DAY FUNDS:			30,000	3%	55,000	4%	5,000	0%	25,000	8%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	$1,201,951	100%	$1,128,383	100%	$1,435,383	100%	$1,111,070	100%	$307,000	100%
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	602,217		731,821		1,085,383 to 1,035,383		761,070 to 711,070			
ARTICLE 4: OPERATING BUDGET										
SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION										
Swift River Elem. School			256,836	23%	350,239	24%	260,000	23%	93,403	30%
Mahar High School			172,510	15%	210,000	15%	173,000	16%	37,490	12%
Transporation SRS			73,680	7%	100,000	7%	80,000	7%	26,320	9%
Franklin County Tech.			60,909	5%	76,940	5%	61,000	5%	16,031	5%
School Committee Salary			1,470	0%	1,470	0%	1,470	0%	0	0%
Swimming Lessons			400	0%	500	0%	0	0%	100	0%
			$565,805	50%	$739,149	51%	$575,470	52%	173,344	56%
HIGHWAYS			135,281	12%	156,464	11%	137,000	12%	21,183	7%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			67,660	6%	69,558	5%	55,000	5%	1,898	1%
INSURANCE AND INTEREST			56,874	5%	67,949	5%	67,949	6%	11,075	4%
HEALTH AND SANITATION			39,882	4%	35,621	2%	25,000	2%	(4,261)	-1%
PROTECTION			19,264	2%	19,366	1%	17,000	2%	102	0%
VETERANS SERVICES			12,131	1%	20,454	1%	20,454	2%	8,323	3%
TOWN PROPERTIES			8,895	1%	10,190	1%	8,049	1%	1,295	0%
TOWN LIBRARY			8,738	1%	10,184	1%	8,000	1%	1,446	0%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET			$914,530	81%	$1,128,935	79%	$913,922	82%	$214,405	70%
OTHER ARTICLES:										
SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NOTES			146,345	13%	134,645	9%	134,645	12%	(11,700)	-4%
GARAGE/FIRE STATION NOTE			24,529	2%	23,782	2%	23,782	2%	(747)	-0%
FIRE TRUCK NOTE			12,979	1%	12,335	1%	12,335	1%	(644)	-0%
FARLEY BRIDGE INTEREST			0	0%	21,386	1%	21,386	2%	21,386	7%
TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST			$183,853	16%	$192,148	13%	$192,148	17%	$8,295	3%
JENNISON RD (450,000)			0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MORSE VILLAGE RD (100,000)			0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
BULLARD PASTURE RD (?)			0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
NEW TRUCK			0	0%	26,000	2%	0	0%	26,000	8%
GREASE-TRAP (1000)			0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
SWIFT RIVER ROOF			0	0%	33,300	2%	0	0%	33,300	11%
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL ITEMS			$0	0%	$59,300	4%	$0	0%	$59,300	19%
RESERVE FUND			5,000	0%	5,000	0%	5,000	0%	0	0%
STABILIZATION FUND			25,000	2%	50,000	3%	0	0%	25,000	8%
TOTAL RAINY DAY FUNDS			$30,000	3%	$55,000	4%	$5,000	0%	$25,000	8%

	REQUESTED FUNDING FY 1992		EXAMPLE OF CUTS FY 1992		
	RECEIPTS PESSIMISTIC	RECEIPTS OPTIMISTIC	RECEIPTS PESSIMISTIC	RECEIPTS OPTIMISTIC	FY 1991 BUDGET COMPARISON
NON-PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS:					
CHERRY SHEET (ESTIMATE)	250,000	260,000	250,000	260,000	201,880
LOCAL RECEIPTS (EST)	140,000	180,000	140,000	180,000	161,156
LESS ASSESSMENTS (EST)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(36,641)
NON-PROPERTY-TAX RECEIPTS	$350,000	$400,000	$350,000	$400,000	$326,395
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY					
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,435,383	1,435,383	1,111,070	1,111,070	1,128,383
NON-PROPERTY-TAX RECEIPTS	(350,000)	(400,000)	(350,000)	(400,000)	(326,395)
LESS SURPLUS REVENUE	0	0	0	0	(72,218)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	$1,085,383 1.49	$1,035,383 1.42	$761,070 1.04	$711,070 0.97	$729,770
OVER-RIDE AMOUNT					
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	1,085,383	1,035,383	761,070	711,070	729,770
LESS DEBT EXCLUSION	(97,750)	(97,750)	(97,750)	(97,750)	(147,554)
LESS LEVY LIMIT	(613,320)	(613,320)	(613,320)	(613,320)	(583,727)
OVERRIDE AMOUNT	$374,313	$324,313	$50,000	$0	($1,511)

(Local Receipts includes the reimbursement for construction at Swift River School: $79,448 in '91 and $78,224 in '92)

BIG OVERRIDES OR BIG CUTS

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Present to discuss concerns about possible cuts in the school budget were Supt. of Schools Leonard Lubinsky and Ms. Zenya Wild. Both Mr. Lubinsky and Ms. Wild expressed concern at the losses which would be incurred with level funding. Notable losses include deletion of a 1st/2nd grade teacher, and a special needs position. Also general music and art would be eliminated.

The Highway Department budget is based primarily on costs incurred from road and machine maintainence. The "fixed"cost for items such as hard top have continued to rise. When asked how he was going to meet maintainence needs in the face of rising costs and level funding, Highway foreman Dan Bacigalupo expressed concern about maintaining present levels of service.

Other areas that might be affected to achieve a no override budget would include putting Government, Health, Protection, Town Properties, and the Library below this year's level.

Since Wendell has never before been faced with the kinds of cuts in services that we are now, the Finance Committee is unsure of how this may affect how people feel about an override. They are in the process of preparing a level funded/balanced budget for passage at the town meeting. If this level funded/balanced budget is passed, then several possibilities for override budgets will be presented. The passage of the level funded/balanced budget first allows the town to have a working budget and then consider a possible override. The Finance Committee is anticipating several override budgets which will be presented at the town meeting.

Dan Keller said that in preparing the budget, the Finance Committee is making efforts to maintain equity to avoid one department from losing/gaining more than another department.

Ted Lewis stressed the need for all sectors of the town to work together in a stressful time.

See you at town meeting!

Paul Wanta

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SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING QUESTIONS

For the last few months I have been a Wendell representative on two ad-hoc school board committees: the K-12 regionalization committee with Orange, Petersham, and New Salem; and the Union 28 restructuring committee, with Leveret, New Salem, Shutesbury, and Erving.

Before I explain what these committees have been doing, I will briefly describe our current commitments:

Wendell currently has three commitments with other towns to jointly administrate the education of its children.

1. Along with New Salem we own and operate Swift River School, grades pre-K through 6.
2. Along with New Salem, Leveret, Shutesbury, and Erving we form "Union 28", sharing a superintendent, a vice-superintendent, and a transportation system (it has been referred to as a "bus union").
3. Along with New Salem, Petersham, and Orange, we form the Ralph C. Mahar Regional District, grades 7-12.

Last year, the people of Petersham and Orange voted to study the possibility of creating a K-12 region, most likely to be formed by the towns currently in the 7-12 region we now belong to. Consequently, the Mahar school committee (which we have one representative on), created a committee made up of its own members and members of other local boards to study the possibility and present a proposed agreement to the school committee and subsequently for ratification by the towns involved. The committee has begun to draft a proposed agreement and is expected to complete it by September.

I have been serving on that committee in lieu of a regular school committee member because of my interest in the political structure of the school system, and because it was inconvenient for the regular committee member to attend regularly. I feel it is only fair to warn the reader that it is difficult for me to report on the committee's work in an objective manner because I am so set against the idea of K-12 regionalization as it is being pursued by the Mahar committee. I have tried to have an open mind while working on the committee, but have yet to be convinced that K-12 regionalization with the Mahar towns is a good idea:. however, I will try to present the issues as best I can and I will express more of my own opinion later.

The purpose of a K-12 region is twofold: educational and economic benefits. The proponents of K-12 education point out that it promotes consistency in the educational exposure of students attending the same high school, e.g.; the potential of developing and coordinating programs in language, music, math, social studies, art, etc. There would be the possibility of sharing facilities and programs for various special students. Administrative costs could be lower if services and tasks were previously being duplicated. In addition, over the last fifteen years or so, the state has encouraged regional agreements between towns by offering financial incentives in the form of regional aid that in some cases have exceeded the collective amounts that would have been received by the towns had they been on their own.

The Agreement that Wendell would have the option of accepting would have to meet the state's guidelines on regional systems and would probably include the following:

a. All four towns would have to vote to accept the agreement or it would not happen.

b. Most students would probably continue to attend the elementary school located in their town.

c. There would be only one school committee for the region. Orange would have 9 representatives on it and the three smaller towns would have one each for a total of 12.

d. There might be local advisory boards for each town that would have some influence over the affairs of the local school. Members of those advisory boards would be appointed, not elected, and their powers would be extremely limited. The. function would be to advise in whatever capacity the school board deemed appropriate.

e. Tenured teachers who happened to be displaced from any other school in the region would have priority for employment over non-tenured teachers working at other schools within the region, or for openings in those schools. Within the limits of the teacher's collective bargaining agreements, administrators and teachers could be moved from one school to another in the region at the direction of the school board.

What follows is MY opinion of all this:

1. I don't think there are any administrative benefits for Wendell to gain through this agreement because we already share them through union 28, and we do that without a top-down, centralized, decision making system such as the K-12 region would impose.
2. The state has been backing off of its financial commitment to regional and local aid these last few years and it is totally unclear as to what course it will take in the future, e.g., vouchers, per-capita reimbursement, etc. Some of these possibilities assume the elimination of regional incentives.

Consequently, it doesn't seem like a good time to consider regionalization for financial interests. That leaves educational benefits:

3. There are no educational benefits to be gained that could not be gained by coordinating the efforts of the current school administrations. All it would require is for cross community curriculum coordination to be a priority in majority of the towns using Mahar. I'm not sure it is, or that it should be.
4. It could be that the local advisory board system would ensure the continuing innovation and quality that we have come to expect from Swift River School, but there is by no means any guarantee of that. Wendell could lose nearly all of its ability to steer the educational philosophy and policies of Swift River school.
5. I am worried by the prospect of having to respect the tenure earned by teachers in the Orange school system, and the possible imposition of changes in administrative personnel from a school committee clearly dominated by another town. Swift River is a small school and hiring policies and procedures are critical. The teaching community and parental involvement in hiring teachers at Swift River is valued and has been working well. Although I am sure that the current system could remain intact most of the time, it would be over-ridden by the tenure system if circumstances arose such as I described earlier. It is only fair to say that there could also be situations where being able to shift staff from one school to another could be beneficial to all parties, but I must reiterate that the power to make such moves would be outside the control of Wendell/New Salem residents or their representatives.

The move toward regionalization in this case is one of centralization, perhaps toward standardization, and away from local control. There is considerable debate throughout the country over whether or not centralization of educational systems is beneficial. There are compelling arguments either way. Please remember, Wendell cannot be forced into this change. All of the towns will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal, and if any of the four towns do not accept the agreement it will not happen.

Other alternatives, although remote, may come up for Wendell in the future. One possibility is that Erving may create a high school and be looking for another town or towns to participate in that endeavor. This possibility has been discussed at the Union 28 restructuring committee meeting and has, in my opinion, some intriguing elements. Of course this idea is far from a current reality, and may or may not be more appealing to Wendell than Mahar, but it is important to note that in these times of uncertainty there may be more opportunities for constructive change than we have seen for some time. I think it is a good time to look at a variety of alternatives: different ways of using what we have as well as new means.

Douglas Tanner

MARKET LAMB PROJECT

The Pioneer Valley Cooperative Extension and the Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders Association are sponsoring a Market Lamb project for area youth. This educational project is open to all boys and girls ages 8-16. The Market Lamb Project includes training clinics at which participating families learn the skills necessary for a successful project. The Market Lamb Project is a short term introductory animal science experience that begins with the "Shepherds Field Day" that will be held Sunday, April 21 at the University of Massachusetts. The project is completed at a special Market Lamb Show and Sale that is held in conjunction with the Franklin County Fair in September.

Interested families may learn more about this project by contacting the Pioneer Valley Extension Office at 15 Straw Avenue in Northammpton (584-2556). The Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders provide scholarships to assist youngsters with the purchase of their first lamb. Scholarship applications are avilable from the Extension Office.

Nancy Searle
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

In spite of the best efforts of Town officials and workers to control costs, Wendell faces a staggering financial load this year, and our prospects for the next few years are equally frightening.

First, the current picture is bleak. Our "surplus revenue" account, which we have compared to the Town's "checking account," has been reduced from a surplus to a deficit. This happened because payments to the Town by both the state and our taxpayers have been late, and because our "local receipts" are lower than predicted, reflecting the depressed economy.

But the budget picture for the coming year is bleaker still. Massive reductions in state payments to the Town and its schools, and increased fixed costs, are creating a huge deficit. Our current numbers for requests add up to a "worst case" shortfall, or override amount, of up to $390,000--a full 1/3 of last year's entire budget. If this amount were rolled into the property tax, the homeowner with a $50,000 property would experience a tax increase of about $650.

How has this happened? It's not because our Town departments have decided to increase their budgets and services. On the contrary, most departments have either reduced costs or held them at their current level. Some have proposed modest increases. The Finance Committee has been studying these budget requests for several months, and we believe these are all reasonable requests.

Rather, the responsibility for this budget crisis can be traced to Boston, and perhaps to an even greater degree, to Washington. Since the beginning of the Reagan era, the flow of money to states and localities has been drying up . This money is often called "aid," but it is not charity. It is the hard earned money of local individuals and businesses which we send to Boston and Washington in the form of taxes.

Before Reagan, we operated on the assumption that some of this money would be returned to the states and localitites--after all, it was ours to begin with. But Washington increased its spending radically over the last decade. At the same time, politicians amazingly promised that they could do this without raising taxes. Some of this cost has been deferred to our children by simply tacking it onto the national debt, but much of it has been financed with money that was once returned to us.

As the state has also been starved by Washington, the state too is returning less and less money to localities. For example, the money "in lieu of taxes" paid to the Town by the state for state property in Town, has dropped precipitously over the last decade--from over $100,000 to under $40,000.

Somehow the famous saying "the buck stops here" has taken on a new twist. The "bucks" have indeed stopped, and been gobbled up, in Washington.

The Federal defense budget has eaten up a lot of this money, but not all of it. At the same time, some individuals have become very rich. The Savings and Loan disaster, for example, is funneling billions of dollars out of the pockets of ordinary taxpayers into the schemes of millionaires. Our " average Wendell taxpayer," who would pay $650 to bail out Wendell this year, will pay around $2000 for this year's defense budget, and a further $3000 to salvage the S and L's over the next several years.

Washington and Boston must realize their financial obligations to the towns. or soon there will be no towns. What can Wendell so to save $390,000 this year? Can we close the schools, or the roads? What will be left?

The Finance Committee doesn't have the answer to these questions. We know the difficulties of taxpayers paying their bills is only increasing. But we are hesitant to place the large financial burdens assumed by state and Federal governments on the shoulders of our schools. Our students deserve better, and they can't even defend themselves--they don't vote.

We will try to find a course somewhere between these frightening extremes, and we will be happy to explore these questions with Townspeople who have information or creative ideas to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Keller
Ed Boland
Randy Kness
Elizabeth Crawford
Ken Holmberg

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is available in a report on file with the Selectmen's office and available for public inspection upon request.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II (District Committee) of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement by adding a new paragraph "Subcommittees," regarding the establishment of District subcommittees, or take any action thereon.

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is available in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office and available for public inspetion upon request.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VII, Paragraph 5, Lines 1 and 5 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Managment District Agreement by deleting the words, "forty-five days" and inserting in place thereof "sixty days," in order to extend the time during which member towns must vote on amendments, or take any action thereon.

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is available in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office and available for public inspection upon request.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X (Definitions) of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement by deleting the definition of "Voting Representative" and inserting new definitions for "Representative" and "Alternate," which delineate appointment procedures and voting rights of each, or take any action thereon.

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment is available in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office and available for public inspection upon request.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990, thereby allowing the Town to receive enhanced 911 service as defined in said Act and, if acceptance and notification of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance on or before December 11, 1991, the Town will also receive, at no cost to the Town, the benefits of enhanced 911 network features and network components, including at least one public safety answering point, and any other enhanced 911 network features that may be made available by the statewide telecommunications board.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Selectboard minutes

December 18, 1990

MEMBERS - Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Finance Committee met with Selectboard to discuss:
Mahar fy92 Budget
Mahar Plans to sue the Town of Orange for fy91 assessment
Grease Trap Expenses
It was decided to award the Town Hall Repairs contract to Bud Davis

Board of Health members, Sharon Gensler, Robert Leet, and David Walsh and Wendell Building Inspector, Ann Perkins met with the Selectboard to discuss substandard housing in the Town of Wendell.
The Board of Health members also reported on the disposition of the dumpster abandoned on Montague Road.

Rental of Old Town Barn - The Board decided not to rent the Old Town Barn to a profit making organization. They will discuss the matter further at a later date.

Regionalization - Cheryl Richardson reported that after a study of similar such programs the committee will write a proposal delineating the feasibility of regionalization in this area or suggesting reasons to abandon the plan altogether.

Judith Wilder, Town Treasurer, will speak to the Swift River School Auditors re: monies owed to Wendell and the interest accrued.

The Wendell Golden Age Club gave the Town of Wendell a check in the amount of $25.00 to help defray the cost of fuel for heating the Senior Center.

Februaary 5, 1991

Floyd Borakove came before the Board with suggestions for what he considered a more equitable method of tax assessment for the people of Wendell.

Old Erving Road - Several neighbors of Mr. Kupper, whose property access has been effected by the installation of Mr. Kupper's new road, came before the Board. Although Mr. Kupper gave his neighbors a verbal right of way, they intend to seek a legal right of way from him.

Mason Phelps presented the Board with a check from CRWSC to cover the county fee for discontinuance of a portion of Morse Village Road.

Paid holidays for town employees - The Selectboard will discuss this further after having checked the Wendell Personnel Policies.

Forum on the War in the Gulf - The Board agreed it would not be proper for them to sponsor this meeting as requested. They did , however, reduce the fee from $50.00 to $25.00 for rental of the Town Hall.

INcreasing the INsurance coverage for the town. The Board agreed to raise the insurance coverage from $250,000/$50,000 to $1M/$1M to conform with the policies of majority of similar small towns.
Meeting was recessed at 9:30pm. It will be reconvened on Sunday Feb.10,1991 at 1:00pm at which time the Board will meet with the Chief of Police re: the number of speeding tickets issued.

February 12, 1991

Nuclear Free Zone Amicus Brief - Ms. Ramsey will call them to assure them of our support by signing the appeal amicus brief.

Paid holidays for Wendell town employees - The town is obliged by state mandate to close all municipal offices on 11 holidays each year.
In the past the town of Wendell has allowed 9 paid holidays plus one floating day. The question of whether or not to keep the floating holiday as part of Wendell's personnel policy will be discussed at a future date when all the Selectmen are present.

Public Hearing on the Application of Mormon Hollow Auto LTD. for a class III license - Two neighbors of Mormon Hollow Auto appeared at the hearing to complain about the visibility of "junk" autos from the road and from their homes. Mr. Diemand assured them he is planning either a natural greenery fence or another type of fence which would enclose his business from view.

Other Business: Fire extinguishers for town buildings - Everett Ricket will meet with the Selectboard on Feb. 26, 1991 to discuss this further.

Swift River School Auditor, Jim Gusti, will meet with the Selectboard on Feb. 26, 1991 to discuss the school budget.

February 12, 1991

Appointments for the Arts Lottery Council were signed for Ina Phelps and Kate Gilday

Stop sign for New Salem Road near school, as requested by the New Salem Selectboard, was approved by the Wendell Selectboard.

Janet Burstien appeared before the Board with a request for funding for improvements to Bullard Pasture Road. Blind spots on the road create a safety hazard. The Board suggested she get an estimated cost for these repairs and submit an article for the warrant for the annual Town meeting.

Nancy Richardson appeared before the Board with a request for a letter written To Whom It May Concern specifying the exact date the State last reviewed the speed limits in the Town of Wendell.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the Swift River School Budget. Elizabeth Crawford gave a report on the School Budget Meeting and gave a review of the three budget options being considered. The Board of Selectmen decided to write a letter to Mr. Lubinsky, School Superintendent, requesting the audit which was due by November,1990 be completed as soon as possible.

It was reported the Veterans' Fund may have to be increased. Two veterans are in need of assistance at this time.

February 26, 1991

Swift River School Audit - Swift River School Auditor, Jim Giusti, Assistant School Superintendent, Martin Leggett,School Treasurer, Arlene Hunt, Wendell Finance Committee, a reporter from the Athol Daily News and also a reporter from the Greenfield Recorder came before the Selectboard to discuss the FY90 Swift River School Audit. A very lengthy discussion ensued re: recommendations contained in the Auditor's management report.

The School Treasurer agreed to submit quarterly reports to the Wendell Selectboard.

March 5, 1991

Bill Allen, Franklin County Engineer came before the Board to discuss the discontinuance of Rockwood Hill, unnamed road from Jennison Rd.to Morse Village Rd. and Shutesbury Rd.

Don Chappell,Wendell's representative of the Franklin County Solid Waste District, and David Walsh, of Wendell's Bd. of Health met with the Board to discuss the possibility of hauling solid waste to the Montague Landfill rather than the Landfill in Chicopee.
Also Kathleen Nolan was appointed to the Board of Health.

Everett Ricketts, Wendell Fir Chief met with the Board to discuss the need for fire protection for all town buildings. Chief Ricketts recommendations include fire extinguishers for all town owned buildings including WRATS. He is also in favor of Enhanced 911, both of which might be funded through the Public Safety Grant Programs.

Business - Finalization of Cemetery plans. A need to finalize site plans for New Salem Rd. Cemetery was discussed. A meeting will be set up with the cemetery commissioners, landscape architect, Amory Haight and the Conservation Commission in the near future.

March 12, 1991

Mahar School Committee Report - Karl Bittenbender, Chairman, and Frank Zak, Principal of the Middle School and Mahar High School, attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the many aspects of the school budget. The estimated budget of $189,643. is about 1% over last year's school budget. Specific efforts mentioned to keep the budget within reasonable limits were:
... No major building repairs
... Fuel costs kept low. They hope to stay within the $52,000. spent last year
... Faculty expenses will go up 4.5% - 5.%. However, 70% of the teachers are presently at the highest pay rate with no more step increases

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available. This will be the 3rd year of a three year teachers' contract.
... The Committee signed a "Stop Loss Program" with B.C.B.S. three years ago. This agreement was designed to keep the cost of health care for Faculty from skyrocketing.

Don Chappell, Wendell's representative to the Franklin County Solid Waste District, attended the Board meeting to discuss Montague's Landfill Plans. The cost to each town would be $65.00 per ton. Although the Board appreciates the idea of a district landfill they need more time to consider all the ramifications of such a contract.

Other business:
-School Committee resignation of Patty Clark. Doug Tanner may finish the term as a member of the School Committee if his job as an advisor does not constitute a conflict of interest.
-Jennison Rd. upgrade - The estimated cost of $723,000. would seem to prohibit this effort.
-Request to cut cordwood on town property - The decision for this will await the presence of all three Board members. If approved, it was suggested the Board contact the community group from Places in the Heart as the logical people to pursue this idea.
-Parades - ordinance/special permits - It was decided that in future those running such events would make known their intentions as to procedure. Each request will be considered separately.
-An Open House at the Fire Station and Town Road Commission was suggested in an attempt to increase interest in volunteerism and money raising functions. The town grader is broken (gears and shaft). Estimated cost of repairs is $900.00.

It was decided by the Board to set up a pre-town meeting at least one week in advance of the Town meeting in order to answer any questions the citizens may have.

March 26, 1991

Thomas Scanlon, Wendell Town Auditor attended the Board meeting to discuss the 1990 Town Audit. A copy of the Management Report and the Auditor's Report is on file at the Town Offices.

Don Chappell, Wendell's representative to the Franklin County Solid Waste District Committee, attended the Board meeting. The Board is in favor of the basic concept of a District Waste Station and will recommend the town vote its approval on a non-binding article at the Town Meeting.

The Selectboard members voted to join the Small Town School Assistance Committee and to pay the $25.00 membership fee. This Lobby Group will work to get legislature enacted which will grant State aid to small towns with less than 4000 inhabitants.

The Board voted to allow a member of the Conservation Commission witness perc tests at times when it is impossible for the two other perc test witnesses appointed by the Board of Health to do the task.

The Board voted to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the sum of $10,000-$15,000 to do a partial upgrade of Jennison Rd. At the same time they plan to explain to the town the cost of $750,000. to do a complete upgrade of that road.

The request of George Sherman to cut cordwood on town owned land was put on hold.

It was decided by the Board that the Town of Wendell does not need an ordinance or a special permit for a parade. Each parade committee, however, will be requested to determine the route it will take and any other activities involved in order to maintain the peace for all town members.

The decision of whether or not to continue a floating holiday for town workers has been delayed until a public hearing is held on the matter in September. Martin Luther King Day will be honored in conformance with State statute.

There will be an All Boards meeting on April 6, 1991 at the Town Hall. This will be a Budget Summit Meeting.

March 19, 1991

Town Clerk, Anny Harjens met with the Selectboard to discuss:
- Zoning bylaw filings - Town Clerk will be responsible for filings with the Land Court.
- Non-Criminal disposition fee filings - Forms will be completed in triplicate in order for each party involved to have a copy.
- Election Day, May 6th, hours have been set for 10:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Ms. Harjens requested the Selectboard consider the possibility of a Memorial Day Parade and Service at the cemetery for the Town of Wendell.

The Board agreed to check out the Postal regulations regarding flags. The possibility of two flagpoles, one for the American flag and another for the Earth flag, was considered.

Dog Hearing - At the suggestion of the Wendell Dog Officer, Neil Domberg filed a formal complaint against Dean Bennett because of constant barking of Mr. Bennett's dogs whenever he and his wife are not at home. Maggie Houghton supplied Dean Bennett with the name of a dog trainer from Northampton, a n Allison Smith. The Board suggested Mr. Bennett and Mr. Domberg seek the aid of the Mediation Board from Greenfield is they are unable to come to an amicable solution to this problem.

Dean Bennett filed a formal complaint against Neil Domberg re: the lack of a culvert at the base of Mr. Domberg's driveway. Dan Bacigalupo,Highway Superintendent, said Mr. Domberg should install a 12 inch steel culvert. Mr. Domberg said he would comply.

Wendell's Finance Committee met with the Selectboard. They presented a draft of the proposed 1992 budget along with a draft of an annual report. It was decided a letter should be sent to each of the School Boards outlining the budgetary dilemma Wendell, like so many other small towns, is facing; and suggesting greater sacrifices must be made in order to reduce the school budget to below level funding if possible.

Finance Committee - Members of the Committee submitted a detailed report to the Selectboard outlining the need for an override if Wendell schools are to continue to serve the children of the town as they have in previous years. The report will be published in the Wendell Post with enough time for the citizenry to review it before going to the polls.

The Annual Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 16, and 17,1991 providing the FY91 tax rate has been set by the assessors prior to those dates.

Other Business - Community Works Group requested permission to cut cordwood on town owned land. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Floyd Borakove's complaint re: camouflaged army planes flying low over Wendell. The Board agreed to publish the telephone number of Westover Air Base in the Wendell Post so that local people may make individual complaints.

Wendell Post office Earth Flag Display - A meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department will be scheduled in the near future to discuss police business. At this time the flag display problem will also be discussed.

Concerned citizens re: tapping trees in the cemetery. All buckets have been removed and tapping in the cemetery will no longer be allowed.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth T. Scully,
Selectboard Clerk

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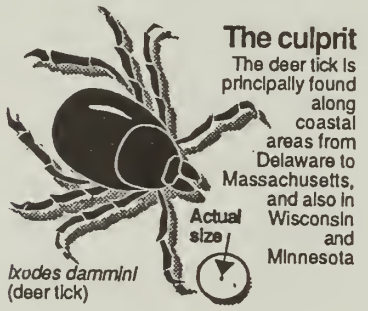
ADVISORY

As tick season approaches in May-August, those of us in rural areas should be aware that the deer tick, a vector of Lyme Disease, is beginning to be found in some areas of Western Mass. Though only about a dozen cases were reported last year in the four western counties, early diagnosis is critical to the treatment. Board of health feels that everyone should be familiar with the three classes of early symptoms:

Most obvious is a donut shaped or target shaped red rash from 2-20 inches across. Other skin signs are: hives, redness of cheeks and area under eyes or swelling of eyelids with reddening of the whites of the eyes. Within a week, flu-like symptoms may appear. These include chills, fever, fatique, headache and joint and muscle aches. Further symptoms appearing later-within 6 weeks after infection may be severe headaches, stiff neck, facial paralysis or transient attaches of arthritis, primarily in the knees. Early treatment with antibiotics is critical and is nearly 100% effective.

Please remember that only 1/3 of the ticks are infected, even in high risk areas. If you remove the tick soon after it bites you, the disease can be avoided even if the tick was infected - use tweezers to grip the tick body firmly close to its mouth and pull straight outward. Do not grasp the abdomen or you will squeeze microbes back into the wound. Use of kerosene, alchohol, nail polish or hot matches or cigarettes are ineffective. Contact your doctor and notify the board of health if you think you have observed any of the symptoms described.

David Walsh
Wendell Board of Health



WARBLER QUIZ:

How many of these incoming summer residents do you recognize? (answers after article)

WARBLER TIME IN WENDELL

Spring brings the welcome return of countless birds to western Mass. Phobes and robins are among the first. Followed by bluebirds, catbirds, hermit and wood thrushes, vireos, flycatchers, swallows, hawks, and everyone's favorite, the turkey vulture. Among my favorite is the whole tribe known as warblers, tiny birds with bright color patterns that flit elusively in the treetops and underbrush. Warblers are the butterflies of the bird world. I never knew they existed, except in books, until a few years ago. Then one early spring day at a nature sanctuary in Florida, I was bedazzled by a flock of mixed warbler species parading through the bushes around me. Exhausted and famished after a night of migratory flight, they were devouring newly hatched insects and seemed completely unconcerned with my presence. For a few minutes I was surrounded by tiny, colorful birds too numerous to count and too variable to identify. Then just as suddenly, they were gone. I've been captivated by warblers ever since.

Spring is the perfect time to notice warblers, for the males are in their readily identifiable breeding plumage and quantities of them are migrating north. Before the leaves fully emerge on the trees is when you'll have the best opportunities for good viewing. Good places to hang out and watch for warbler action include: Along pond edges, the edges where the forest meets field, the first trees to be lit by the sun in the morning, and along roads and pathways in the woods. Watch for movement in the branches and bring binoculars. Each magnified glimpse of one of these avian jewels thrills me to the core!

Look for the Common Yellowthroat, with its raccoon like mask, along the edges of ponds and fields. Among the laurel on ridgetops you're likely to spot the Canada Warbler with its distinctive black necklace. The mixed hardwood conifer forests so typical of Wendell host an assortment of colorful warblers, each with its own unique song - the Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, and American Red start to name a few. Scuttling down tree trunks like a nuthatch you might see the Black and White Warbler, patterned like a zebra. At the edge of brushy clearings, the Chestnut-sided Warbler will be singing its heart out and along power line cuts the Praire Warbler can be found.

I think one of the reasons Warblers are so intriguing to me is that every year I discover 2-3 new kinds, either migrating through, or settling down for the summer. Once you learn how to see them, you become more aware of them, and then of their tremendous diversity. Peterson's field guide to eastern birds informs me that there are still many species I have yet to see. Thats reason enough to keep prowling around with binoculars! Happy bird watching!

Marcy Marchello

Answers to Warbler Quiz: 1. Canada, 2. Yellow-rumped, 3. Black and White, 4. Magnolia, 5. Chestnut-sided, 6. American Redstart, 7. Common Yellowthroat 8. Prairie, 9. Black-throated Blue, 10. Black-throated Green.

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★ Board of Health ★
David Walsh

I am running for Board of Health again mainly because I want to be able to see through the changes that have been implemented at the WRATS in order to reduce our municipal solid waste costs. This is the main part of our budget and the Board of Health is the only department that I am aware of that has achieved a steady reduction in its budget. I would like to feel that I can claim some of the credit for this. We have all worked hard on this considerable accomplishment. My preference would be to transfer these savings to the other activities of the board and to take steps in the direction of groundwater protection, well regulation and upgrading of sub-standard septic systems and housing in general. I have invested considerable time in attempting to tie Wendell in to agencies and resources. This has been done mainly through the formation of the Franklin-Hampshire Board of Health Association, an "umbrella" group on whose executive committee I serve. Let me say that the financial crunch that the town is facing is very much in my thoughts and that I would not attempt or recommend such programs given our current near catastropic situation. I believe in regulation and creative programs, access to resources and funding to preserve the balance between people and the bio-net and to protect the public health.

David Walsh
Candidate for Board of Health

★ Library Trustee ★
Olga Holmberg

3 year term

I am running for my second tern as library trustee. I have my Masters in Library Science. I have been working as a librarian since 1978, including as a library director for almost 10 years in Palmer. After working this long in the field, what I can offer best is practical information regarding how to run a library. I feel I can help the Wendell Free Library with such information as how to save money, how to get discounts, how state law effects the library, book selection, cateloguing, and so on. I would appreciate your vote, thankyou.

Kathy Becker

Contest for Moderator

Jonathan Von Ranson

You have a chance to be one of the most important persons in the world. All you have to do is be a registered voter in Wendell, and come to town meeting. Town meeting is where your voice means something. One"man", one vote, no electoral college between you and the action, your vote prevails or it fails, right before your eyes. Town Meeting is the purest example of functioning democracy in the world, with you right in the middle of it, if only you choose to vote.

Please consider me as a candidate for moderator. I've done the job for 6 years and still enjoy it. My vision of Moderator is to protect each person's opportunity to speak, to be heard, to listen, and to make decisions by vote in an atmosphere that feel safe and respectful. As a registered nurse, I value being a part of something so healthy and full of life as town meeting. But moderators have to try awfully hard to hold their tongue on the issues and be impartial. If not re-elected, I'll be happy to sit with my husband and neighbors, able to raise cain again. This looks like it will be a rough year for Wendell. We need every mind in Town deciding what is important and what to do. Please come stand by our community and vote.

Kathy Becker

I would enjoy serving as moderator of Town meeting. If elected, I will try hard to maintain the feeling of welcome and safety the present Moderator has achieved and will emphasize smooth-flowing process and shorter, more structured debate. By this adjustment I would hope meetings will become less arduous for current meeting-goers and more attractive to the segment of voters who tend to stay home.

I greatly value the "piece of the truth" that each person carries, and am convinced our political process does too. By involving in Town meeting people with just average tolerance for parliamentary procedure, our official decisions are likely to become more representative. Broader participation may break dowm factions and will certainly make our unique, powerful community even healthier.

I've worked on the Wendell Post for a dozen years or so and have served a brief term on the Selectboard, so am familiar with the flavor and content of Wendell politics. I love Town meeting and will vigorously protect it from threats to its existence. (How easy it is, for example, to get drawn into government that is too complicated for Town meeting!)

I sincerely invite your support.

Jonathan von Ranson

Complete Slate of Candidates

Positions

Open	Title	Term	Candidates
1	Bd. of Selectmen	3yrs.	Theodore E. Lewis
1	Assessor	3yrs.	Jessie E. Wetherby
2	Bd. of Health	3yrs.	David M. Walsh
			Kathleen Nolan
1	Planning Bd.	5yrs.	No Candidate
1	Moderator	1yr.	Kathy Ann Becker
			Jonathan Von Ranson
1	Constable/vacancy	1yr.	David M. Walsh
1	Cemetary Commissioner	3yrs.	Candace A. Hebert
1	Road Commissioner	3yrs.	Michael T. Anderson
2	School Committee	3yrs.	Diane Kurensley
1	Tree Warden	1yr.	Zenya Wild
			Daniel Bacigalupo
2	Library Trustees	3yrs.	Olga Holmberg
			No candidate

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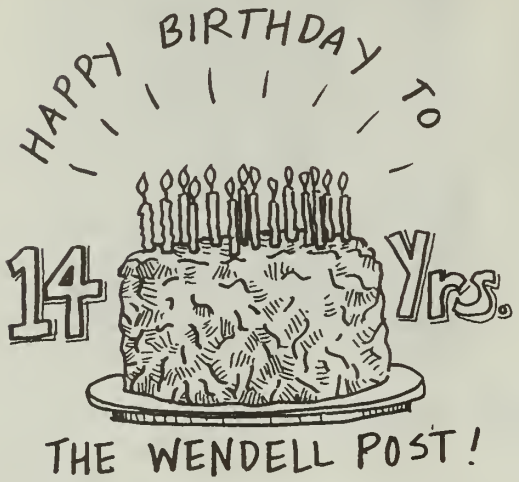


CLEAN UP DAY

The Swift River Valley Historical Society will have Clean Up Day, April 27, Rain date May 4. Plan to come early and meet some real nice people and help clean up the grounds and buildings for the coming summer season.

The more people that show up, the sess work for everybody.

PLANT SWAP

WENDELL'S 4th ANNUAL/PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP
SUNDAY MAY 19th 10 to Noon
RAIN OR SHINE
TOWN COMMON NEAR MEETINGHOUSE

Bring your extra vegetable starts, flowering perennials that need thinning, herbs, or what have you. Last year there were even peach trees, roses, daffodils, and lilacs. NO MONEY EXCHANGED. This is a sharing day.

All welcome. If you do not have plants, consider bringing a plate of cookies.

P.S. The Village Coop is wanting to plant a flower bed near the new store. Suzie Polucci will be happy to take any perennials left at Noon for the endeavor

FREE GARDEN PLOTS

Ready for planting May 1st
Millers River Community Garden
For information call: 544-6550 (daytime)
or 544-6651 (evening)
COME AND GROW WITH US!

THE FREE BOX

Recently a number of items have been left at the Free Box which did not belong there. Among these were a large sofa which got wet, a box of sharp knives, and a broken glass chandelier. It serves no good purpose to bring to the Free Box what really should go to the W.R.A.T.S. (Wendell Recycling Center and Transfer Station). Not only do such items present an unsightly appearance right in the center of town, but knives and broken glass are dangerous to children.

The Free Box has been designed to hold bread and small articles of clothing on the top shelf and other items of usable clothing in the bin inside. All other kinds of items should not be left at the Free Box, and nothing should be left hanging around outside of the Free Box. Nothing dangerous should ever be left there.

It is hoped that timely notice will suffice to solve this problem and that no more drastic action will be needed. Many people use the Free Box and we hope that all who do use it will become more sensitive and aware of the problems posed by unsuitable dumping of discarded items which have no business at the Free Box.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Thompson Smith

VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SERVICE

The newly formed "POSITIVE ACTION COMMITTEE" will be sponsoring an old fashioned Memorial Day Service at the Town Common and Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend (exact day will be announced shortly). We would like to invite all Veterans from all wars to participate in our ceremony. Because the town doesn't maintain a list of our Veterans we are unaware of who you are. If you would like to participate in our upcoming memorial service, please contact us either by mail at: Positive Action Committee, Wendell Depot, MA 01380 or telephone one of our members, preferably in the early evening at one of the following numbers:

544-6208 (Jean); 544-2773 (JUdy);
544-6052 (Annie); 544-2069 (Florry).

Please help us make this a memorable event. (Continue to look for further details at a later date.)

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

A self defense course for women is being offered at the Swift River School in New Salem, MA, beginning April 22. The course will meet Mondays, 4-5:30 pm, for four weeks. Childcare will be provided during the classes. The course will be taught by Chris Wings, a black belt in Karate and head instructor at Flying Tiger Martial Arts in Greenfield, MA.

Class members will practise ways to avoid harmful situations as well as what to do if they are attacked. Emphasis will be placed on each woman's inner strengths while new skills are being learned. Women of all ages, abilities, and levels of physical fitness are encouraged to enroll.

The cost of the four week course is $24.00. To register or for more information, call Chris Wings at 508-544-8985.

RIDES NEEDED

Ride Needed

For library volunteer from Wendell to Amherst. Most thursday afternoons between 1 and 3. Please call Wendell Free Library 544-3559.

Ride Wanted

To Chicago. Last Week of May. Call Rosie 544-8457.

LAND TRANSFERS

8/1/90 Richard E. Duffy to Bernard Johnson-New Salem Rd.-Plain Rd. 2.257 acres and Buildings.

8/23/90 Alan N. Emond to Lisa Hoag-Locks Village Road 5 acres and Bldgs.

8/30/90 Douglas L. & Delaura A. Dahl to Paul Costello-Bullard Pasture Rd. 5.077 acres.

9/5/90 George E. Butler, Jr. to Heather Lenz & Paul G. Wanta-Morgan Place Rd. 3.50 acres and bldgs.

9/20/90 Todd F. Sunderland to Todd F. Sunderalnd and Susan L. Lanfare 2.5 acres-Bullard Pasture Road.

12/28/90 Teresa McLeod to Paul M. Newcombe-Mormon Hollow Road 1.2 acres of land and bldgs.

Anne Diemand

FIRE LOG

2/13/91	Chimney fire, Plain Rd. Wertman residence
2/22/91	Chimney fire, Lockehill #2 Marty Wrel residence
3/10/91	Chimney fire, Locks village Rd. Idoine residence
3/1391	Illegal burning, Farley Rd.
3/29/91	Chimney fire, Wendell Depot Rd. Drohen residence
4/02/91	Chimney fire, Wendell Depot Rd. Mankowsky residence

CORRECTIONS...

CORRECTION - The last edition of the post contained an article on the fate of Morse Village Rd. It was written by Linda Hickman

NE TELEPHONE NOTICE

Please note that the New England Telephone Company corrected its previously published list of local calls from Wendell. Amherst is NOT all local. Only the exchanges in "Amherst" that start with 548 (Levertt) and 259 (Shutesbury).

Susan McCaffrey

FIELD TRIP DESTINATION

Postmaster Charles O'Dowd treats children from the Swift River Pre-School class to a tour of the Wendell Center Post Office on a recent field trip.

MORE ON THE WENDELL FY 1992 BUDGET

This is only a draft

This is a preliminary draft of the budget you will be seeing at Town Meeting. Some numbers will change between now and then, some errors will be corrected. We present you with this draft to give a sense of the line items and the overall picture, but these numbers have not been triple checked due to lack of time. For example, the switching of amounts from one account to another at Special Town Meetings is not always reflected in the FY 1991 column. Similarly the property tax levy for FY91 differs by a couple thousand dollars from the assessor's true number. Finally, revenues for FY1992 are estimates and reflect a range, leading to a range in override amounts. Between now and town meeting we will be working on correcting any errors and finetuning our estimates of revenue.

$300,000 More in appropriation requests

Comparing the columns for FY91 and FY92 requests you can see that requested appropriations increased $307,000. Looking at the right-hand side "difference" column you can see that $216,000 is an increase in Wendell's operating budget ($173,000 for Schools, $21,000 for Highways, $19,000 for Insurance, Interest, and Veterans services, $1000 for Library), $8000 is additional debt, $60,000 are new capital request items and $25,000 is an attempt to put more money in the Stabilization Fund to squirrel away the D & B demolition dump money for future years, which is what it seemed people wanted to do. Note that new capital request items in the budget include no road improvement for Jennison or other roads. Jennison improvements would cost several hundred thousand.

Only slightly higher non-property tax receipts

The level of requested appropriations has increased by three hundred thousand, or 27% in one year, but revenues are projected to increase by only $25,000 to $75,000 for the town, as you can see on the second page of the budget outline under the caption "non-property tax receipts". This increasing of expenses faster than revenues is what is causing the problem. The revenues from the state to the regional schools are in fact down significantly, which raises their assessments to us.

How big an override

How big the override vote can legally be is a factor of the levy limit and the debt exclusion. The debt exclusion is lower than last year which raises the override. The levy limit cannot be exactly determined, because due to the reassessment of property values we don't have a tax rate set. Until the tax rate is set we do not know what size override brings us up to legal $25.00/1000 tax rate cap. In any case, it is highly doubtful any override over $100,000, or even $50,000 will pass, but that is entirely up to the people of Wendell. Notice that with no override the tax levy goes down below this year's level, this is an effect of the lower debt exclusion amount. An override of about $25,000 would result in about the same tax levy as this year.

What kinds of cuts

To illustrate the incredible kinds of cuts needed to achieve a no override budget we include the column labeled "FY92 Cut Example". It cuts $324,000 and achieves an override amount between $0 and $50,000, depending on the amount of the other revenues. All three schools are reduced to a level-funded assessment, the Swift River transportation amount is cut which entails less routes, and all other areas are cut as well, including putting Government, Health, Protection, Town Properties, and the Library below this year's level. Debt, insurance , and veterans services can't be cut. All capital requests are eliminated. This is an illustration, not a recommendation any Wendell Official or the Finance Committee wants. What Wendell wants to do is up to the people of Wendell.

Submitted by the Wendell Finance Committee

NURSE LIKES ATHOL HOSPITAL

"When I was a little, little girl." That's when Bethany Minty of New Salem Road decided she wanted to be a nurse. She was only four or five yours old, she recalls, and was inspired by the visiting nurses who came to the home of her great-grandmother, "Nana" Glasson, in Orange.

Small-town and country ways of living are important motivators for Bethany, now 21 and nearing the end of her second year of employment at Athol Memorial Hospital, a 52-bed community hospital serving Athol (population 11,000), Orange, Wendell and other nearby towns.

Athol Memorial Hospital, with its emphasis on neighborliness, the personal touch and congeniality, are the perfect place for Bethany, who studied nursing in nearby Greenfield Community College ("excellent training," she says).

Director of Nursing Ann S. Fitzgerald praised Bethany, one of several young nurses on the AMH staff, for her excellent performance. "She typifies the dedication and hard work that I see in all of our nurses," Ms. Fitzgerald stated.

Bethany came to Athol Memorial Hospital in part because of a scholarship program underwritten by one of Athol's town fathers, Joseph Ellinwood, a member of the AMH board of trustees and a respected local businessman and philanthropist. The scholarship, which covered the final semester's tuition, was designed to help young nurses while also helping the hospital. The nurses who received the stipends were obligated to work one full year at Athol.

Bethany started at Athol in the late spring of 1989, right after graduation. This was her first "real job," though she had worked at Farren Memorial Hospital in Montague City as an aide during school, an experience she found enjoyable.

"Some of the people I met at Farren are now working here at Athol," Bethany commented. That includes Joan Robert, RN, manager of the Intensive Care Unit where Bethany now works.

Bethany's first job at Athol was on the first floor, where the patients are primarily elderly medical patients. "I was in charge a lot, and that gave me a good basis to come up here to the ICU," Bethany said.

Her current position in the ICU offers many challenges in nursing while it porvides some personal lifestyle advantages.

"It's a great job. I love it. It's very rewarding," Bethany exclaimed.

While talking about her work, Bethany keeps her eyes on heart monitors in the ICU nursing station, her patients visible through glass partitions.

BETHANY (CHASE) MINTY, R.N.

She explained that she was assigned to the ICU after completing courses in basic coronary care and advanced cardiac life support. Those courses gave her information she uses every day in her job, such as understanding heart arrhythmia. When she sees blips on the monitor, she knows how to interpret them. She can respond to specified situations with standing medication orders provided by physicians. Lidocaine and atropine the most commonly used drugs, she noted.

She added, "Most of the patients coming into the ICU are heart patients who have been admitted after complaining of chest pain. These patients are given drugs intravenously that they can't give out on the floors, and they are monitored for arrhythmia."

Bethany said the five-bed ICU provides an intimacy that leads to good working conditions. She said, "I like knowing everybody, all the doctors, the other nurses, the respiratory therapists and EKG technicians. The doctors and nurses communicate well, with the doctors visiting at least once a day-and we're on the phone a lot reporting any changes in the monitor pattern, giving the results of lab work."

Bethany works three 12-hour shifts, receiving pay equivalent to 40 hours. With four days off, she had extra time for her favorite outside activity-horseback riding.

Bethany's been riding "ever since I could hold on," and she was given her own horse when she was nine years old. Now, she owns five horses, including one draught horse that is used for logging in nearby woods. Bethany and her husband, Astro, also have five dogs, several cats, chickens and rabits. For Bethany, the only profession that ever came close to competing with nursing as a career choice was veterinary medicine. Astro Minty is a special assembler at Athol's L.S. Starrett Co., internationally known for its precision measuring tools.

The Minty home is next door to the home of Bethany's parents, Mandy and Ed Chase. Bethany's father is the town's part-time police chief, and works as a guard at the Franklin County jail in Greenfield. Mrs. Chase is a cafeteria worker at Mahar Regional School in Orange, where Bethany graduated in 1987.

Rural homesteading and the concept of a community hospital are important to Bethany. She expressed satisfaction with her work at Athol, stating, "I'll probably be here forever. I think it's a good hospital. Every day, I hear patients say that the nursing care here exceeds the big hospitals by far. It's nice to hear that we do make a difference."

Allen Young, Director
Public Relations
Athol Memorial Hospital

PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

I am happy announce that I will be serving as the performing arts contact for the Wendell Post. I have decided to emphasize "performing arts" rather than the music scene because I know there are lots of theatrical arts and dance people out there as well. I hope we will be able to get the word out on what's happening with those activities too. Please send information you would like published to me, to the Wendell Post, or call me at: 544-2067.

Don't forget to catch Jay Ungar and Molly Mason at the Full Moon Coffeehouse, April 27. They are fantastic musicians. Jay is one of my all time favorite fiddle players. He is proficient in many styles, including old-time dance music, swing, and jazz. He earned fame lately as the author of the waltz, "Ashoken Farewell", used as the theme music for Ken Burns' great PBS series on the civil war. Molly is a wonderful accompanist and singer. She has appeared on "Prairie Home Companion" as well as many other records, TV and radio shows, doing her large repertoire of old jazz and swing songs. I'm sure they will make some great music, very appropriate for the intimate atmosphere of the coffeehouse.

I would like to blow my own horn, or should I say bow my own fiddle, since at this late date my own group is what I know the most about. I have recently joined a new bluegrass band called Pioneer Valley Bluegrass. I am very happy to be playing with this fine bunch of musicians, making great bluegrass music, complete with dynamite vocals and hot instrumentation. The personnel: Betsy-Dawn Williams/ bass and vocals; Don Carpenter/ guitar and vocals; Welles Hodous/ banjo; Peter Consula/ mandolin and vocals; Doug Tanner/ fiddle and vocals. We will be playing at Ho Jo's in Greenfield on Sat. April 13, along with a great band from New Hampshire, Deaf Heifer. Our first "big gig" is at the One Day in May Festival (which is really two days), May 18 and 19, at the Dufresne Recreation Area, off rt 202 in Granby, MA. Feel free to call me for more information about that festival. It's great fun! We hope to get more festival gigs, and are planning to enter the band contest at the Winterhawk Bluegrass Festival, July 18-21, in Hillsdale, NY.

Please send information on your performing arts activities. I'm sure people will be glad to hear about what's happening with you and your friends who are in the performing arts. Thanks, Doug Tanner

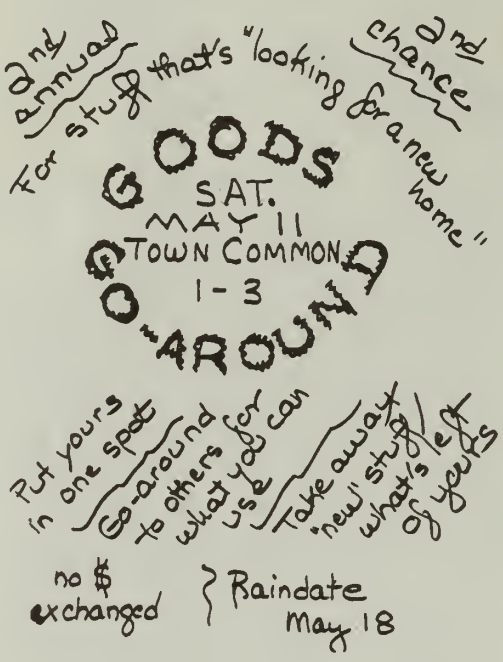
CONCERT

Committee on Public Health and Safety is sponsoring a fund raising concert on Saturday, May 25 between 1 and 5 in the afternoon. Concert will be held rain or shine and refreshments will be available for sale on site.

Concert will be outside on South Main Street, Orange. Across from the proposed heavy metal recycling plant site.

Donations are $5.00. Passes or tickets will be available at Orange Trading Co. or through CPHS members/supporters.

#1 attraction band will be the Equalites a nationally known Reggae Band, and other participants are Bruce McKay and the Hometown Heroes (New Orleans style rock, and Perry and the Screamers (blues). Tom Jordan may also perform. There will be a few quest speakers.



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The Library Club: Donald Clark, Ananda Babineau, Martha Shulman, Sarah Stamell, Stephanie and Meghan Clark (and Shoshi Gross -- not pictured).

Girl Scout Project: L. to R. Sarah Stamell Renee Reipold, and Mindy Hatch

Girl Scout Project

Sarah and Mindy, members of Troop 185 held four well enjoyed story hours for youngsters at the Wendell Free Library as part of their work towards a leadership badge. They were assisted by their friend Renee. who is not a scout.

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